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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator McCarthy and Columnist Art Buchwald

1. I met these two gentlemen at a social occasion on Saturday, evening, 6 June. In my conversation with Senator McCarthy, he stated that the article he wrote for the Saturday Evening Post criticizing the Agency had in fact been tampered with by the editors of the Post. He claims that some of the more extreme language was not his own but added in the process of editing. He went on to say that he still felt, however, that the Agency needed closer supervision by Congress. I did not attempt to debate this point but simply replied that the Agency would always fully cooperate with whatever procedures the Congress established.

2. Mr. Buchwald added that it was also his feeling that the policy control over the Agency was not as close as it should be. He cited as an extreme example the claim of the Cuban exiles in the recent Bay of Pigs that they had been encouraged to proceed with the invasion even if the White House issued contrary orders. I stated that I was not personally familiar with the Cuban events but it was my clear understanding that no such incitement to mutiny had ever been officially authorized and that it was inconceivable to think that it had been.

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